

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 129

By Love

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Saint Thomas Midtown Hospital on the occasion of its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is the privilege of this General Assembly to recognize those premier medical facilities that have compassionately and capably served the citizens of this State for generations; and

WHEREAS, Saint Thomas Midtown Hospital, formerly known as Baptist Hospital, is a faith-based nonprofit hospital in Nashville and the largest such hospital in Middle Tennessee; this year, the hospital celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, marking a century of providing the highest-quality health care to all who cross its threshold; and

WHEREAS, Saint Thomas Midtown Hospital began its healing ministry in Nashville as Protestant Hospital on March 20, 1919; the hospital was at that time equipped with eighty beds and a surgical department. In the first year alone, Protestant Hospital treated 2,233 patients, with 1,685 of those having major surgery; and

WHEREAS, the ownership of Protestant Hospital was transferred to the Tennessee Baptist Convention in 1948 and became Mid-State Baptist Hospital; the name was later changed to Baptist Hospital on December 17, 1964; and

WHEREAS, in January 2002, Baptist Hospital joined Saint Thomas Health's regional health system and became a member of Ascension, a Catholic Health System, which is the largest nonprofit faith-based health system in the United States; in 2013, the name was changed from Baptist Hospital to Saint Thomas Midtown Hospital; and

WHEREAS, today, the hospital has 683 licensed acute care beds and more than 2,000 employees, as well as 1,053 physicians and 425 allied health providers on staff delivering world-class care, serving the comprehensive needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, Saint Thomas Midtown Hospital is dedicated to spiritually centered, holistic care that sustains and improves the health of each individual and the communities and is committed to serving all people, with special attention to those populations that are impoverished or otherwise vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, for the last 100 years, Saint Thomas Midtown Hospital has served the Nashville area with compassionate care that has been essential to the city's growth and the well-being of its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Saint Thomas Midtown Hospital for 100 years of compassionate, dedicated service to the people of Nashville and this State, extending our best wishes for the institution's continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.